

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting  
Held on June 27, 2017**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., June 27, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Rooney, Prysunka, Gilbert, and Powell were present. Assembly Member Mitchell was absent. Decker participated by phone. Interim Borough Manager Carol Rushmore and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney.

The Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*M/S: Gilbert/Prysunka, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an (\*) asterisk; Item 6a. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Budget Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held June 13, 2017; Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held June 20, 2017 were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim Borough Manager Rushmore's report was provided.

In response to Powell, Rushmore stated that the "pot shop" not opening was not by fault of the Borough; the Assembly had approved the licenses with the condition of the applicant obtaining a fire permit to meet the provisions of a building permit.

**BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

**MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**10a Reports by Assembly Members**

**Prysunka** reported on the SEAPA board meeting

- clarified that we do not buy our power from Ketchikan
- power rate this year from SEAPA will again be 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour

**Rooney** reported on the Wrangell Medical Center Board meeting

- operating with approximately 30 days of cash in the bank
- able to get a lot of the bills paid by use of TruBridge; receivables down about \$500,000 for the year
- waiting for estimates on some modular buildings before scheduling the workshop with the Assembly on the new hospital
- 20,000 left to pay the city on the LOC draw

**10b City Boards and Committees Appointments**

As there were no letters of interest received for the vacant seat on the Economic Development Committee, the Mayor directed the Clerk to continue advertising.

From the audience, Heidi Armstrong stated that she would like to be considered for the Wrangell Convention and Visitors Bureau vacant seat.

As there were no other letters of interest for this seat, Mayor Jack appointed Ms. Armstrong to the Wrangell Convention and Visitors Bureau for the term ending October 2018. There were no objections from the Assembly.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

~~The following persons spoke in favor of the~~

***Gary Allen Sr., 609 Evergreen Ave.*** spoke on the strike.

***David Andreesen, 108 Graves Street*** spoke on the Public Works services.

***Mary Jo Pullman, 3 Mile Zimovia Hwy.*** spoke on the strike.

***Mary Campbell, 224 Reid Street No. 1*** spoke on the strike.

***John Taylor, 318 McKinnon*** spoke on the strike.

***Mark Armstrong, 611 Evergreen Ave.*** spoke on the strike.

***Heidi Armstrong, 611 Evergreen Ave.*** spoke on the strike.

Note: During the time that Mr. Taylor spoke, he asked numerous questions of the Assembly. Assembly Member Decker requested that Interim Borough Manager Rushmore answer the question asked of Taylor: "is there negotiations going on between the Union and the City"? Rushmore explained the sequence of events from the time that the Union presented their last offer to the Borough Assembly on June 8, 2017 to where we are to date.

Mr. Taylor continued to ask questions... Prysunka called "Point of Order", stating that this was not appropriate. Prysunka further explained to Mr. Taylor that there were rules that the Assembly were required to follow and that there shouldn't be the back and forth discussions. There were no objections from the Assembly on the Point of Order.

Clerk Lane stated that this was the time for persons to be heard and not the time for questions to be asked and answered; also that there should not be debate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None****NEW BUSINESS****13a Approval of a sole-source procurement of an excavator**

***M/S: Gilbert/Powell, to approve a sole-source procurement to NC Machinery for the purchase of a Caterpillar 311F Excavator in the amount of \$184,680 with funds to come from the Sanitation Department's approved FY18 budget. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13b Approval of the amendments to the Wrangell Medical Center's Personnel Policy Manual**

***M/S: Prysunka/Rooney, to approve the revised Wrangell Medical Center's Personnel Policy, as reviewed and revised by the Wrangell Hospital Board of Directors. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Note: On an unpublished Agenda, there was a 13c Agenda Item. Clerk Lane stated that the item should not be there and was not on the published or posted Agenda.

Even though the agenda item was not published, Prysunka made a motion to strike the item.

***M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert, to revise the agenda to strike item 13c. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**ATTORNEY'S FILE** – The Summary report was provided to the Assembly.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**15a Executive Session** – Update from the Borough Attorney and the Borough Manager on the status of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) Union Strike and for the Assembly to possibly provide direction to the Borough Manager on the how to proceed with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) Union.

***M/S: Prysunka/Powell, moved that pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (b) and AS 44.62.310 (c)(1), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough, specifically for the Borough Attorney and the Borough Manager to update the Assembly on the status of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) Union Strike and for the Assembly to possibly provide direction to the Borough Manager on the how to proceed with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) Union situation. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

Note: Decker disconnected the call into the Regular meeting and did not partake in the Executive Session. Before the Regular meeting reconvened from Executive Session, Clerk Lane called Decker so that she could participate in the Regular meeting.

Regular meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

Mayor Jack stated that he appreciated the information from the Borough Attorney and the Borough Manager.

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

  
David L. Jack, Mayor

